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1. AT MEETING ON JANUARY 29, INTERAGENCY BILATERAL AFFAIRS

GROUP AGREED TO PROCEED ON TWO ISSUES WHICH COULD BE THE BASIS FOR OUR POSITION VIS-A-VIS EASTERN EUROPE IN THE MTN.

2. FIRST THE GROUP WILL ANALYZE THE FEASIBILITY OF SEEKING SECTORAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS. THE STUDY WILL ESTIMATE THE MAGNITUDE OF POSSIBLE U.S. TARIFF CONCESSIONS TO EASTERN EUROPE AND WILL ANALYZE THE WORTH OF TARIFF CUTS BY EACH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY WHICH MAY BE OFFERED IN RETURN. WE EXPECT THAT TARIFFS CUTS BY MOST OR ALL EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD PROVIDE INSUFFICIENT RECIPROCITY AND THAT SECTORAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS COULD PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY BALANCE.

3. GROUP WILL ATTEMPT TO DEFINE OPTIMUM CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMITMENTS INCLUDING PRODUCT COVERAGE OF SECTOR, TIME FRAME, APPLICABILITY--GLOBAL (MFN) VS. SPECIFIC COUNTRY. GROUP WILL ALSO SEEK TO PROVIDE FORMAT FOR IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMITMENTS TO U.S. AND THOSE TO OTHER CATT MEMBERS, LINKS TO FIVE-YEAR PLANS, LINKS TO GENERAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS IN THE CASES

OF POLAND AND ROMANIA, AND SUGGESTED GATT OVERSIGHT.

4. SECOND ISSUE BEING APPROACHED IS FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING UNIFORM PROCEDURE, ALONG LINES OF SEC. 406 OF THE TRADE ACT FOR PROVIDING RELIEF FROM DISRUPTIVE IMPORTS FROM NON-MARKET COUNTRIES. PAPER WILL SUMMARIZE BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA FOR MARKET DISRUPTION, ANTI-DUMPING, AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. U.S. EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTERING ANTI-DUMPING LAW WILL BE SUMMARIZED AND SPECIAL PROBLEM OF CONSTRUCTED VALUE WILL BE ANALYZED WITH FOCUS ON POLISH GOLF CARTS CASE. PAPER WILL ATTEMPT TO POINT OUT ADVANTAGES OF SIMPLIFIED APPROACH TO DOMESTIC INTERESTS, U.S. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW, AND TO EAST EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS. PAPER WILL CONCLUDE WITH SUGGESTED APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTATION.

5. TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF FIRST DRAFT IS MARCH

1. PAPERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU FOR COMMENT AT THAT TIME AS FORMAL REVIEW PROCEDURES ARE INITIATED. IN INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IM WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO APPROACH, OMISSIONS, ETC. AS OUR THINKING IS STILL IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE, WOULD PREFER THAT ISSUE NOT BE RAISED WITH OTHER DELS AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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